

CHAPTER II.

SURVEY WORKING PLANS AND ANNUAL PLANS OF OPERATION.

11. The departmental survey of the forests on a large scale has been in progress, but the services of only one surveyor were available, the other qualified surveyor was, during the early part of November, deputed to settle the boundary line of Kacho Kanuri and remained there till January; afterwards he was attached to the Divisional Forest Officer, Hyderabad, who had received orders to inspect the land in the Thar and Parkar Districts, the acquisition of which, as fuel reserves for a proposed railway, has been under consideration.

12. The following forests were surveyed during the year under report:—

Sukkur Division.

	Area surveyed.
Abad	4,393 Acres.
Khia Bindi	1,370 „
Keti Shahu	1,500 „
Shah Belo	3,760 „

*Hyderabad Division.**Kacho Khanote.*

13. The work of cutting up the forests with compartment lines has progressed satisfactorily—193 miles were cut.

14. Boundary marks round all the forests have been kept in repair, and boundary paths and compartment lines have been cleared of the season's growth.

CHAPTER III.

PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT.

Section 1.—Establishments.

15. In the year 1871-72 Government, on the report of the Inspector-General of Forests in India, (the late Dr. Brandis), deputed Dr. Schlich to examine the Sind Forests, and, if necessary, to bring them under a better system of management. The result of this examination was the formation of three separate Divisions, each under an Assistant Conservator of Forests, and the position of the subordinate staff was thereby slightly improved. The area of the State forests then was 3,52,041 acres—income, Rs. 2,42,675—expenditure, Rs. 1,44,518—surplus, Rs. 98,157. Subsequently Mr. Campbell submitted proposals for a revision of establishment, which were sanctioned in Government Resolution dated the 16th March 1876. Four Divisions were formed, an Assistant Conservator of Forests in charge of each, and the pay and prospects of the subordinate establishment were improved. In 1876-77 the area of the forests was 3,43,326 acres—income, Rs. 3,36,029—expenditure, Rs. 2,32,473—surplus, Rs. 1,03,556. Again, proposals for a permanent protective and office establishment were called for in Government Resolution No. 3687, dated the 7th June 1882, which were submitted by me in August 1883, and sanctioned from 1st April 1885.

This revision absorbed the temporary establishment. Five Divisional Offices were formed, and Rangers and Foresters were graded on higher pay.